PTERIS.

Lin. Gen. Plan. 1174.

PTERIS aquilina. *Sp. Plan.* 1533. *Ray Syn.* 124. *Flo. Scot.* 656. *Flo. Ang.* 451. *Ger. Em.* 1128. *Park.* 1037.

TAB. X.

BRAKES.

THE root, from the bottom of the ſtem, ſtrikes down into the ground perpendicularly for three or four inches; afterwards is curved, and creeps horizontally in the ground, is there branched, hard, woody, and as thick as the little finger, covered with a black bark, and fibrous.

Firſt leaves from one to three feet in height; ſtem or rib ſmooth, hard, of a pale green colour, and gloſſy; deſtitute of leaves for half its length from the root; general figure of the firſt leaves triangular.

Second leaves eight or ten pairs, placed oppoſite; their general ſhape triangular, and diminiſhing from the loweſt to the higheſt.

Third